

# SENATE BILL No. 255

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-8.

**Synopsis:** Candidate filing requirements. Provides that a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate and a petition of nomination must be filed not later than noon on primary election day.

**Effective:** January 1, 2001.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-8-2-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4. (a) A declaration of  
3 candidacy for a primary election must be filed no later than noon  
4 seventy-four (74) days and no earlier than one hundred four (104) days  
5 before the primary election. The declaration must be subscribed and  
6 sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.  
7 (b) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate must be filed  
8 not later than noon ~~five (5) days before the final date for the delivery~~  
9 ~~of absentee ballots under IC 3-11-4-15 and not earlier than ninety (90)~~  
10 ~~days before a general election.~~ **primary election day**. The declaration  
11 must be subscribed and sworn to before a person authorized to  
12 administer oaths.  
13 (c) During a year in which a federal decennial census, federal  
14 special census, special tabulation, or corrected population count  
15 becomes effective under IC 1-1-3.5, a declaration of:  
16 (1) candidacy may be filed for an office that will appear on the  
17 primary election ballot; or



(2) intent to be a write-in candidate for an office that will appear on the general, municipal, or school board election ballot; that year as a result of the new tabulation of population or corrected population count.

SECTION 2. IC 3-8-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.176-1999, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001]: Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this chapter, a petition of nomination must be submitted to the county voter registration office of each county in which the election district is located.

(b) The petition must be filed during the period beginning January 1 of the year in which the election will be held and ending at noon ~~July 15~~ **before the primary election day.**

(c) The county voter registration office shall certify and file a petition that complies with the requirements of this chapter with the public official authorized to place names on the ballot (and with the town clerk-treasurer, if the petition of nomination is for a town office) by noon August 1. Following certification of a petition under this section, the office may, upon the request of a candidate named in the petition, return the original petition to the candidate for filing with the appropriate official in accordance with this subsection.

(d) During a year in which a federal decennial census, federal special census, special tabulation, or corrected population count becomes effective under IC 1-1-3.5, a petition of nomination may be filed for an office that will appear on the primary election ballot that year as a result of the new tabulation of population or corrected population count.

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